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Serial No. 09/848,434

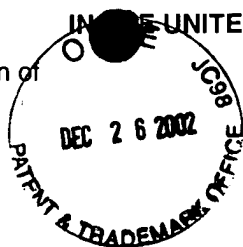
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**AMENDMENT**

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Responsive to the Official Action dated September 25, 2002, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s)  
previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is  
attached.

Cancel claims 11 to 19 and 21 without prejudice in view of the restriction  
requirement.